

A CRISIS IN CUBA.

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NEW CAPTAIN-GENERAL SEVERE.

His First Lieutenant Has a Reputation to the Same Effect—Refugees from Habana En Voyage for Key West.

KEY WEST, Fla., January 18.—Martinez Campos leaves Habana to-morrow for Spain.

The Olivette was crowded with passengers to-night.

The Morgan-Line boat is expected in the morning, with nearly 200 residents of Habana, fleeing for safety.

MARIN IN CHARGE.

HABANA, January 18th, via KEY WEST, January 18.—General Marin officially received the officers of the army and navy and prominent citizens at the palace to-day. General Campos was present most of the time.

The change has caused less excitement than was ordinarily expected. Merchants, planters, Spanish residents, and others loyal to Spain are satisfied that effective measures will now be taken. The Cuban measures with the rebellion fear the return of the bloody practices of the last war.

Polavieja, the new Captain-General, has a record for severity, and is similar. Marin is considered humane. The Cuban regret the departure of Campos. His campaign was most humane. He would not confiscate property, and granted amnesty upon the surrender of the rebels. He treated suspects leniently, especially Americans.

The retirement of Campos is the result of agitation among the merchants of the Produce Exchange. El Diario in an editorial Wednesday voiced the sentiments of many desiring a change in the conduct of the war. Campos was practically declared unsuccessful. A meeting of merchants followed the editorial. After an exciting discussion it was proposed to close the Exchange, stores, and business-houses generally as a sign of disapproval of Campos's campaign. One member urged a public demonstration, and another suggested that the officers of volunteers request that Campos leave the island. The hot-heads used incendiary language. The conservative position of American and English merchants prevented a passage of resolutions.

MEETING WITH LEADERS.

Campos summoned three leaders of each political party to his office to-day. Present were the Marquis Pinar del Rio, Santos Guerra, and Ramon Arguelles, Conservatives; Jose Maria Galvez, Rafael Mentoro, and Senor Saladrinas, Autonomists; Francisco Ribal and two others, Liberals.

The result of the conference was a surprise. It is believed that Campos expected the government to sustain him, regardless of the opposition.

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HONOR LEE'S MEMORY

The Anniversary of His Birth to Be Celebrated Here To-Day.

THE HOWITZERS' ANNUAL SALUTE.

Gallant Artillerymen Parade and Fire 17 Guns—A Delightful Celebration at the Woman's Club—Sermon Before Lee Camp To-Night.

To-day is the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, but the part of the observance of the occasion, other than that which is religious, took place yesterday. At noon the Home Guard of Lee Camp Soldiers' Home fired a salute; this was followed in the afternoon by a parade by the Richmond Howitzers and an artillery salute at the monument, and last night the Woman's Club had a delightful celebration.

A special sermon appropriate to the day will be preached to Lee Camp at Union-Station Methodist church to-night by Rev. Dr. George C. Vandarsch, the members of the camp will meet in full uniform in the lecture-room of the church, and march into the auditorium of the edifice. Pickett Camp will also attend.

General Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," will be sung at the Soldiers' Home chapel at the 4 o'clock service there.

Jefferson Davis, Vice-President Alexander H. Stevens, and Generals Jackson, Price, Polk, Hardee, J. E. B. Stuart, Johnston, Kirby Smith, J. H. Morgan, Ewell, Hampton, Cooper, Longstreet, A. P. Hill, Hood, Braxton, Bragg, and Beauregard.

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The complaint sets forth that the defendants were engaged in 1894 in a scheme to consolidate the Brooklyn gas companies and wished to obtain a controlling interest in the Williamsburg Gas Company. They obtained control of his 2,000 shares by inducing him to sell them, and agreeing, he says, when the consolidation should be effected, to give him their equivalent in stock of the consolidated company. He delivered the shares in 1894, and received the cash and the sum agreed upon as a loan.

Mr. Benedict says he has received payment of the loan, with interest, but it was refused, and that Moore & Schley declined to render an account to him. He has not received the stock in the new company to which he considers himself entitled. Accordingly he asks that the defendants be made trustees of his 2,000 shares; that they be compelled to render an accounting to him, and that he be held in no way chargeable for the expense of \$100,000 said to have been incurred in effecting the new organization.

All parties to the suit declined to speak of it yesterday. Mr. Benedict would make no statement except to refer to the papers. Henry H. Timmerman, the only member of the firm of Moore & Schley now in the city, said no papers had been served on the firm, and that the report of a suit was the first intimation he had heard of Mr. Benedict's interest in the deal.

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ANTI-QUARIES IN CONTROL.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., January 18.—The leaders of the anti-Quay faction, who were admitted to the new committee, which will meet on Monday for organization. The anti-Quay forces will have about twenty-two representatives out of a total membership of thirty-seven.

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Among those present were Mesdames L. L. Lewis, Robert Munford, E. C. Munford, Davenport, R. Tatum, Pemberton, Smith, Coke, Nolting, Moore, Donnan, Welch, Wether, Lancaster, Misses Ruthford, Garnett, Lyons, Winston, Moore, Madams Guillaume, Mrs. Stradwick, Peyton, Keith, Archer, Morris, Mrs. Warner Moore, Alex. Cameron, P. Tucker, Archer Anderson, Stockman, Travers, Misses Bunting, Cannon, Lefroy, Mrs. Lefroy, Mrs. Robin, Mrs. W. L. Sheppard, Mrs. Lightfoot, Potluis Robinson, Hall-Burton, Carter, Misses Lee and Carrington, Yancey, Brockenhough, Travers, Mesdames Ryland, Rutherford, Jeffries, Montague, Warren, Wheat, Robinson, B. B. Munford, Messrs. Daniel, Smith, R. B. Munford, Messrs. Gaines, Munford, Davenport, Truett, Lancaster, Werth, Dr. Moore, Powell, Robinson, Nolting, and James.

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